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In re

U.S. application of: Jun ISHIHARA, Kohtaro HAYASHI, and
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GRATING DEVICE, DIFFRACTION
GRATING DEVICE, AND ILLUMINATION
OPTICAL SYSTEM

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The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-197827 (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD), published July 31, 1998.


Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited document.

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